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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

**RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 606X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment
Exemption in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The consummation deadline in the above-captioned matter is July 8, 2004. CSX Transportation, Inc. respectfully requests an extension of the consummation date until December 31, 2004.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan C. Gold".

Jonathan C. Gold

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